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1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGERIE PRESSE SERVICE DISTRIBUTED
COMMENTARY ON U.S. DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS MARCH 13 WHICH
ILLUSTRATES CONTINUING ALGERIAN AMBIVALENCE
ON U.S. POSITON. REPRINTED IN ORAN ARABIC DAILY
"AL-JUMHURIYYA" ON MARCH 14 UNDER HEADLINE "DUBIOUS AMERICAN
DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS", COMMENTARY ADMITS CHANGE SEEMS TO
BE OCCURRING UNDER NEW ADMINISTRATION BUT QUESTIONS ITS
MOTIVES. EXTRACTS FOLLOW:

2. "LAST SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION GENERATED
WAVE OF JUBILATION AND APPLAUSE AMONG THOSE WHO SAW HARBINGERS
OF NEW AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES ... IN U.S.
DELEGATE'S ADMISSION OF HIS COUNTRY'S DECISIVE ROLE IN
OVERTHROWING CHILEAN REGIME. ALTHOUGH WASHINGTON CONDEMNED
HIS POSITION, IT REMAINS A CONSIDERED ADMISSION BY USG
REP TO BE CHALKED UP IN FAVOR OF THOSE NEW POLITICAIAINS IN
AMERICA WHO SEEK ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO DEFEND CALL FOR
MORALLITY WHICH WAS POLLAR OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S PROPAGANDA
CAMPAIGN DURING LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS..."

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3."U.S. DELEGATE'S FEELINGS ARE DOUBTLESSLY SINCERE.
THEY WOULD PENETRATE INTO HEARTS THIRSTY TO SEE MORALITY
PREVAIL IN REALATIONS AMONG STATES LARGE AND SMALL ... WERE
IT NOT FOR DUBIOUS ACTIONS AND OTHER SUSPICIOUS POSITIONS
EMANATING FROM TOP SENIOR OFFICIALS IN NEW AMERICAN
ADMINISTRATION TO VITIATE THIS IMPRESSIVE POSITION....
AMERICAN DELEGATE RECEIVED OFFICIAL REPRIMAND FROM HIS

DIRECT SUPERIORS. IN ADDITION, AMERICAN MILITARY AID CONTINUES TO FLOW TO CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS IN WHICH MOST EPULSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES STILL OCCUR. THERE ARE NO BETTER EXAMPLES OF THIS THAN SOUTHEASTERN AFRICA AND ISRAEL..."

4. "POLITICAL OBSERVERS DO NOT THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT THIS PARTISAN CAMPAIGN IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS MEANT FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION TO PRESERVE LUSTER OF NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S IMAGE.... SOME OBSERVERS GO EVEN FURTHER AND LINK NEW AMERICAN POLICY WITH HIDDEN INTENTIONS VEILED BY THIS SHINING MORAL COVER. THEY BELIEVE NEW POLITICIANS IN U.S. ARE TRYING TO DISCREDIT THEIR PREDECESSORS...."

5. THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION'S PROPAGANDA ABOUT CREATION OF NEW MORALITY IN AMERICAN POLICY. UNDER PRESSURE OF AMERICAN PEOPLE, FORD ADMINISTRATION HAD PRESENTED REPORTS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN EACH OF 80 COUNTRIES RECEIVING MILITARY AID FROM U.S. TO CONGRESS IN JUNE 1976..."

6. WHATEVER CASE MAY BE, AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH THIS AID, WHICH IS SAPPING THEIR STRENGTH AND BENEFITING INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES, SPY NETWORKS, AND REGIMES OPPOSED TO PEOPLES OF WORLD. SMALL NATIONS FOR THEIR PART HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO WAKE UP AND SEEK DELIVERANCE THROUGH CREATION OF NEW AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER...."

7. "THIS MAY BE WHAT BROUGHT NEW AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO
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CONFRONT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS EVERYWHERE WITH GREAT INSISTENCE MIXED WITH DEGREE OF EMOTION OVER MORAL SITUATION CREATED BY FORMER LEADERS OF THEIR COUNTRY, A SITUATION WHICH THEY HOLD THEMSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING TO AN END."LYNE

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